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Residents of Gera (T 51/K 06) stated that 80 to 100 tanks drove into the Reuss Kaserne from Gerhart-Hauptmann-Strasse during the nights between 9 and 12 November 1951. According to statements by Soviet officers and German railroad officials, a reorganization of Soviet units was taking place. It was said that troops were to be shipped by rail toward the zonal border. [REDACTED] patrols of Soviet troops and German Volkspolizei were employed at the railroad stations and in the trains had been increased. The barracks installation in Gera-Tinz was occupied by about 500 engineer troops until 15 November. *

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25X1 * [REDACTED] Comment. The headquarters of the unidentified AT artillery brigade and an unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps are carried in the Reuss Kaserne on Am Steinertsberg. No units equipped with tanks have hitherto been reported from Gera. The Gerhart-Hauptmann-Strasse runs along the northern edge of the barracks installation, and it is therefore believed that the tanks came from Gera railroad station. The report [REDACTED] from Zeitz also indicated that a reorganization of units was taking place. The barracks installation in Gera-Tinz is believed to quarter the 880th Engr Bn and the unidentified signal battalion of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps. The installation was partly occupied in early April 1951. No reports have as yet been obtained indicating the return of the troops from summer training. [REDACTED]

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